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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn)An interior weld comprising:

a first member, said first member adapted to receive a second member;

a contact point on an inner surface of said first member;

an edge on said second member, said edge of said member contacting said
inner surface of said first member of said contact point; and,

a weld at said contact point, said weld immovably attaching said second member to
said first member.

2. (withdrawn)An interior weld according to claim 1 wherein said first member is tubular.

3. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 1 wherein said second member is
tubular.

4. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 1 wherein said first member has a larger
radius than said second member.

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5. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 1 wherein said first member has a hole, said hole adapted to receive said second member.

6. (withdrawn) An interior weld comprising:

a first member, said first member adapted to receive a plurality of additional members;

a contact point on an inner surface of said first member; and,

a weld at said contact point for each additional member, said weld immovably attaching said additional members to said first member.

7. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 6 wherein said first member is tubular.

8. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 6 wherein said additional members are tubular.

9. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 6 wherein said first member has a plurality of holes adapted to receive said additional members.

10. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 6 wherein said first member has a larger

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radius than said additional members.

11. (withdrawn) An interior weld according to claim 6 wherein said contact point is an attachment bar.

12. (withdrawn) A method for providing an interior weld comprising:

making a hole in a first member;

inserting a second member into said hole;

contacting said second member to said inner surface of said first member.

13. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 12 wherein said first member is tubular.

14. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 12 wherein said second member is tubular.

15. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 12 wherein said hole is the same shape as a cross-section of said second member.

16. (withdrawn) An improved sling comprising:

a folded portion of said sling;

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a runner attached to said folded portion of said sling;

a connection means attached to said runner for removably attaching said sling to a frame member.

a slot on said frame member adapted to receive said connecting means.

17. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 16 wherein said sling is cotton.

18. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 16 wherein said sling is wire mesh.

19. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 16 wherein said sling is plastic.

20. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 16 wherein said runner is plastic.

21. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 16 wherein said runner is rubber.

22. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 16 wherein said connection means comprises an extension member and a flange, said flange adapted to fit with said frame member.

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23. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 22 wherein said extension member is plastic.

24. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 21 wherein said extension member is rubber.

25. (withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 21 wherein said flange is plastic.

26.(withdrawn) An improved sling according to claim 21 wherein said flange is rubber.

27. (currently amended) A sling tightening mechanism comprising:

a frame of a piece of furniture, said frame having an outer surface and an inner surface, said frame being a generally hollow member, said frame having a hole an opening in said outer surface;

a knob on said inner surface of said frame hollow member, said knob aligning generally with said hole opening in said frame member;

a threaded member, said threaded member having a first end and a second end, said first end of said threaded member adapted to ~~receive~~ be connected to said knob;

a generally hollow connector member, said connector member having a first end and a second end, said first end of said connector member adopted to receive said second end of said threaded

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member, said connector member having an outer surface and an inner surface said second end of said connector member extending from the outer surface of said frame;

an attachment frame attached to said outer surface of said connector member, said attachment frame adapted to hold a sling; and

a tightening means, said tightening means received by said connector member and said threaded member, said tightening means being capable of rotating to push said connector member over said threaded member to make said sling taut.

28. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 27 wherein said knob is threaded.

29. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 28 wherein said threaded member is cylindrical.

30. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 29 wherein said connector member is cylindrical.

31. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 30 wherein said inner surface of said first end of said connector member is smooth.

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32. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 31 wherein said inner surface of said connector member is threaded.

33. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 32 wherein said tightening means is a screw.

34. (original) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 32 wherein said tightening means is a bolt.

35-36. (canceled)

37. (new) A sling tightening mechanism comprising:

a frame of a piece of furniture, said frame having an outer surface and an inner surface, said frame having an opening, said frame having a knob on said inner surface of said frame generally aligned with said opening in said frame;

a connector member, said connector member having a first end and a second end, said first end of said connector member adopted to be inserted into said opening on said frame; said connector member having an outer surface and an inner surface;

an attachment frame removably connected to said second end of said connector member, said

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attachment frame adapted to hold a sling, said attachment frame having a member with an orifice therein;

a tightening means, said tightening means received by said connector member and said opening in said frame member, said tightening means being capable of tightening said sling as said tightening means is rotated.

38. (new) The sling tightening mechanism of claim 37 further comprising:

a threaded member, said threaded member having a first end and a second end, said first end of said threaded member adapted to receive said knob; said second end of said threaded member being adapted to be inserted into said first end of said connector member; and said connector member being adapted to receive said second end of said threaded member.

39. (new) The sling tightening mechanism according to claim 38 wherein said threaded member is secured to said knob by the threads on said knob.

40. (new) The sling according to claim 39 wherein said tightening means is secured to said threads on said threaded member.

41. (new) The sling tightening mechanism of claim 37 further comprising:

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a slot in said second end of said connector member adopted to receives a portion of said attachment frame.

42. (new) The sling tightening mechanism of claim 37 further comprising:

a slot in said attachment frame being adapted to receive a connection means attached to said sling.

43. (new) The sling tightening mechanism of claim 42 wherein:

said connection means has a length generally at least the width of the sling such that when said tightening means is adjusted, the tension in said sling is changed uniformly across the width of said sling.

44. (new) The sling tightening mechanism of claim 43 further comprising:

said connection means having an extension member and a flange extending from said extension member said connection means being disposed on a runner which is attached to said sling.